



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/559,097
Applicants : Sanz Molinero et al.
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Title : Transgenic Monocotyledonous Plants Overexpressing a NHX Protein and Having Improved Growth Characteristics and Methods for Making the Same
Art Unit : 1638
Examiner : Vinod Kumar
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

At an in-person interview with Examiner Kumar, attended with thanks by the undersigned and Ms. Meeta Mistry on Friday August 15, 2008, a general discussion of the case embraced legal issues of anticipation, claim language directed to resulting plant characteristics, selection inventions and the role of comparative data to evidence novelty and nonobviousness. Applicants intend to submit a further paper or papers in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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